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ACTUAL SIZE

The diaprepes root weevil, *Diaprepes abbreviatus*, feeds on about 270 different plants including citrus, hibiscus, avocado, loquat and oak. This pest is a significant threat to both urban and agricultural trees and plants. Adult weevils feed on the leaves of plants and their larvae move underground to feed on plant roots. The larvae can encircle or "girdle" the root systems of trees, cutting off the supply of water and nutrients, eventually killing the host plant.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture needs your help to find this pest. If you have seen this weevil or collected a sample (in a small jar or plastic bag), please report it by calling 1-800-491-1899.

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